

**SUBJECT LINE: Behavioral Health contract open for public comment**

Dear Feedback Network Member,

**Your chance to comment on Behavioral Health Administrative Service (BH-ASO) contract**

We are looking for your feedback on the draft Behavioral Health Administrative Service (BH-ASO) contract, which describes requirements for a regional organization to provide insurance blind crisis services in the Southwest Washington Early Adopter region beginning April 2016, as well as provide behavioral health services to individuals who are not eligible for Medicaid, within available resources, and to manage a behavioral health ombudsman in the region.

As you may know, Senate Bill 6312 directs the state to fully integrate the financing and delivery of physical health services, mental health services and chemical dependency services in the Medicaid program through managed care by 2020.

In May 2015, HCA received a binding letter of intent from Clark and Skamania counties declaring their intent to become an “early adopter,” a move towards fully-integrated managed care on an earlier timeline, in April 2016. HCA is procuring managed care organizations to deliver fully integrated physical and behavioral health services beginning April 2016. HCA recently released a [Request for Proposals](#) that current Apple Health managed care plans are eligible to respond to. Additionally, HCA will release a separate procurement in the fall of 2015 for a BH-ASO to manage certain services and functions on a regional basis, as detailed in the attached contract.

Comments on the draft are due August 24, 2015. See below for more information and thank you for your participation.

- [Draft BH-ASO Contract](#)
- [Comment Form](#)

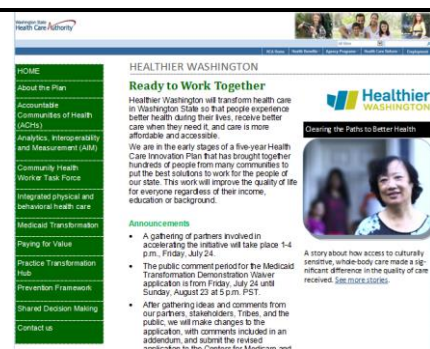
Thank you for your interest in a healthier Washington and for helping make Washington a healthy place to live, work, and play!

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